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Note verbale dated 28 June 2013 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cuba to the United Nations, in its capacity as President Pro Tempore of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and would be grateful if the Office of the Secretary-General would circulate as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 121, "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations", the communiqué of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States regarding the election of John Ashe as President of the sixty-eighth session of the United Nations General Assembly (see annex).

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Communiqué of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States regarding the election of John Ashe as President of the sixty-eighth session of the United Nations General Assembly

The Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) welcomes the election of John Ashe, Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations, as President of the sixty-eighth session of the United Nations General Assembly.

CELAC is pleased at the election, by acclamation, of a distinguished citizen of our Community to guide the work of the most universal and important deliberative and decision-making body of the United Nations.

CELAC is convinced that under Mr. Ashe's leadership, we will, with a view to the prompt adoption of decisions, effectively follow up on the necessary and urgent reform processes that are currently being implemented within the United Nations, in particular the revitalization of the General Assembly, the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council and the reform of the Security Council, and on those social issues, such as the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and the post-2015 development agenda, that are of particular interest to the region and to which the members of CELAC are deeply committed.